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Title: Methods, Peptides and Biosensors

Useful For Detecting a Broad

Spectrum of Bacteria

Confirmation No.: 4672

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 7, 2008, Applicants elect Group I, claim(s) 1-12, with traverse, for prosecution in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on the non-elected claims. Applicants further elect the following species with traverse: Staphylococcus aureus, fluorescent materials, EAAGAMFLEAIPK, and wound dressing.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on the non-elected subject matter.

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.